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State Health Department Schedules Opportunity For the Public To Learn About and Comment on Emergency Preparedness Activities

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health has scheduled a public meeting designed to educate the general public about emergency preparedness activities and provide opportunity for public comment. The meeting will be held Mon., August 4, 2008, from 10:30 a.m. CST until about noon. The meeting will be based in Bismarck, but the public will be able to participate through a videoconferencing system from sites across the state.

"An extensive amount of work has been done on both the state and local levels and with the private health-care sector to develop and strengthen plans to respond to public health emergencies," said Tim Wiedrich, director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Section of the North Dakota Department of Health. "An important part of planning is making sure the plans will work and are accepted by the general public. This meeting will give people a chance to learn about the work we've done and give us feedback."

The meeting will start with a presentation highlighting the planning that has been done and will conclude with time for comments. Meeting sites are available at the following locations:

Southwestern District Health Unit

2869 3rd Avenue West Conference Room Dickinson, ND

Central Valley Health District

122 2nd Street NW Main Conference Room Jamestown, ND **Bismarck Burleigh Public Health**

500 East Front Avenue Conference Room Bismarck, ND

Fargo Public Safety Building

4630 15th Ave. North Conference Room Fargo, ND

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151 South 4th Street, Suite N301 Conference Room 1 Grand Forks, ND

First District Health Unit

801 11th Avenue SW Conference Room Minot, ND **Lake Region District Health**

Ramsey County Courthouse-524 4th Avenue Second Floor, videoconference room Devils Lake, ND

Upper Missouri District Health Unit

110 West Broadway, Suite 101 Conference Room Williston, ND

For more information about this public meeting, contact Tim Wiedrich, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.2270.

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